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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No: 13676.142

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

We, Richard L. Bonkowski, Patrick K. Higgins, Charles T. Markantes, and Roger W. Phillips, declare: that we are citizens of the United States of America; that our residences and post office addresses are 3568 Southridge Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403; 9971 Troon Ct., Windsor, CA 95492; 155 Stony Point Road #21, Santa Rosa, CA 95401; and 466 Jacqueline Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405; respectively, that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled DIFFRACTIVE SURFACES WITH COLOR SHIFTING BACKGROUNDS, for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 8, 1999 and assigned Serial No. 09/351,102; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

We hereby appoint as our attorneys and/or patent agents: RICK D. NYDEGGER, Registration No. 28,651; DAVID O. SEELEY, Registration No. 30,148; JONATHAN W.


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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Signed this 22nd day of July 1999.

Signature:


Richard L. Bonkowski

Signed this 3 day of August 1999.

Signature:


Patrick K. Higgins

Signed this 22nd day of July 1999.

Signature:


Charles T. Markantes

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Signature:


Roger W. Phillips

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ASSIGNMENT

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Preferred embodiments of said invention are disclosed in a United States patent application heretofore executed by us and now identified as File No. 13676.142 of the law firm of Workman, Nydegger & Seeley, 1000 Eagle Gate Tower, 60 East South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, and filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 8, 1999 and assigned Serial No. 09/351,102.

The Assignee, Flex Products, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 1402 Mariner Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95407-7370, desires to secure the entire right, title and interest in said invention.

In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to us by the Assignee, the receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, WE HEREBY ASSIGN TO THE ASSIGNEE:

The entire right, title and interest in said invention in the above-identified United States patent application and in all divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of Letters Patent or Patents granted thereon, and in all corresponding applications filed in countries

foreign to the United States, and in all patents issuing thereon in the United States and Foreign countries.

The right to file foreign patent applications on said invention in its own name, wherever such right may be legally exercised, including the right to claim the benefits of the International Convention for such applications.

We hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and such Patent Office officials in foreign countries as are duly authorized by their patent laws to issue patents, to issue any and all patents on said invention to the Assignee as the owner of the entire interest, for the sole use and behoof of the said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

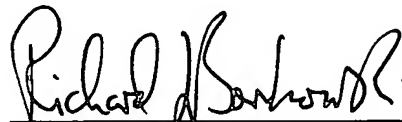
We hereby agree, without further consideration and without expense to us, to sign all lawful papers and to perform all other lawful acts which the Assignee may request of us to make this Assignment fully effective, including, by way of example but not of limitation, the following:

Prompt execution of all original, divisional, substitute, reissue, and other United States and foreign patent applications on said invention, and all lawful documents requested by the Assignee to further the prosecution of any of such patent applications.

Cooperation to the best of my ability in the execution of all lawful documents, the production of evidence, nullification, reissue, extension, or infringement proceedings involving said invention.

This assignment and agreement shall be binding upon our heirs and legal representatives.

Dated this 22nd day of July 1999.


Richard L. Bonkowski


Dated this 3 day of August 1999.


Patrick K. Higgins

Dated this 22nd day of JULY 1999.


Charles T. Markantes

Dated this 3rd day of August 1999.


Roger W. Phillips